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EX-GOVERNOR'S KINSMAN BLOWS OWN

BLANCHARD LETTER RAILROAD UNIONS SHOWS BUSINESS TROUBLES CAUSE

Lying in a pool of his own blood, the entire top of his head blown off by a ball from a big caliber rifle which he purchased Reply Is Presented to Presi-Friday, the body of Dr. J. A. Blanchard, who registered from Shreveport, La., and who is believed to be a kinsman, perhaps a brother, of N. C. Blanchard, former governor of Louisiana, was found in his room at the Hotel Chisca Saturday morning just after 10 o'clock. He had been dead several hours when his body was discovered by a chambermaid.

conditions in the room pointed plain-O by to suicide. But in a letter which Dr. Blanchard left, he made mysterious hints of a big business deal in which he was involved, and in which he warned that, if anything happened to him, no matter how it looked, the two men in the deal with him would be responsible, and could explain.

"They either are the two finest men I ever met, or they are the most unmittgated scoundrels, and if they are the latter, they would not stop at murder," Dr. Blanchard wrote in his letter, which he had placed in a stamped envelope, addressed to "Gov. N. C. Blanchard, Hotel Nueces, Corpus Christi, Tex."

Dr. Blanchard registered at the Hotel Chisca from Shroveport, La. He

of Distributed from Shreveport, La. He st was seen alive at 9 o'clock Friday ght, when he got the key from the sk and went to his room on the sec-

Ex-Governor Notified.

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The "Gov. N. C. Blanchard," to whom the letter is addressed, is believed by police to be Newton Crain Blanchard, former governor of Louisiana. Whether or not Dr. Blanchard is related to him was not stated in the letter. A telegram has been forwarded to the Texas city hotel, by order of Detective Chief Jake Gwaltney.

Detective Billy Joyce and Joe Bishop were summoned to the hotel, when Dr. Blanchard's body was found. Nothing in the room was touched before the detectives went over the ground.

They found the body on the floor, a bullet hole in the left temple. A 38-40 bullet, fired from a Winchester carbine, had torn clear through the head, spreading as it left the back, right side of the skuil, and tearing out a large piece of the skuil bone. The bullet tore on into the wall, where they found it imbedded.

Used Powerful Rifle.

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Dr. Blanchard, if the case is a suicide as it looks, had rigged an ingenious ar-rangement on his dresser for taking his own life. The rifle was about 30 luches long. He had taken a handkerchief and long. He had taken a handkerchief and knotted it in loop form on a crosser. The stock of the rifle then had been placed in the loop, which served in lieu of a shoulder rest. The weapon then was pointed at the victim's temple, as he stood before the mirror to get proper aim. The condition of the body indicated that Dr. Blanchard was standing thus when he pulled the trigger.

The rifle was brand now and had been period best been effective since last certod has been effective since last certod has been effective since last certod has been effective since last

The letter of Gov. Bianchard, which was lying on the writing table, was a lengthy one. It told of the big deal, and warned the governor that if anything happened to the doctor, the following men should be looked up and investigated thoroughly. Dr. Blanchard ther upon gave the mames of the men with thorough descriptions of each. One he said, has acit for Virginia a day or two before, to sell some property there.

The letter spoke of a wonderful trip, which "might be compared to that of The letter spoke of a wonderful trip, which "might be compared to that of sinbad the Salion," waich Dr. Blanchard just had returned from. The doctor expressed the wish that the governor could have been 30 years younger, so that he might have been along. The dead man was about 45 Years of age, and Gov. N. C. Blanchard's age, in "Who's Who in America," is fixed at 75.

Detectives believe that the sound-proof rooms of the Chisca sinothered the shot which took Dr. Blanchard's life. The body was taken in charge by f. T. Hinton & Son, undertakers, pending word from a telegram which police have sent to Gov. Blanchard at Corpus Christi.

Saint Fund Is Benefited By Slight Error

When Henry Hurst spied O. K. Houck in the Peabody hotel cafe last Saturday night, he handed O. K. a \$5 bill, with a request that it be sent in to the Guy Saint fund. O. K. sent in the \$5, which was credited to him in that night's list. Saturday a letter was received from O. K. stating that Mr. Hurst had given him the 35 for the fund. And, rather than to have the trouble of getting a correction printed, O. K. inclosed another 5, with the request that this time, it be credited to Mr. Hurst.

The Guy Saint fund, now being collected, will go to the widow of Patrolman Guy Saint, who was shot down while in the performance of his duty, on Jan. 6, by a negro burglar. Mrs. Saint had only \$400 left out of Guy Saint insurance, after she paid the burkal expenses for her husband.

Every dollar of the Guy Saint fund will go to her. The News Scimitar gladly will receive contributions for this worthy cause, and will acknowledge receipt through the news columns of this paper. turday a letter was received from of this paper.
The Guy Saint fund new stands:
Previously acknowledged \$1,860.38
Henry Hurst 5.00

REVEAL EX-EMPEROR'S PLOT TO REWIN RULE

BUDAPEST, Feb. 14. (By the Associated Press.)—Circumstantial details have been revealed of a plot by which it is alleged former Emperor Charles made a futile attempt to enter Hungary made a futile attempt to enter Hungary under a false passport and re-establish

Stores Resume Normal Hours.

Attaches of the department were loath to believe that the day's total would reach 50 as compared with 78 for Friday and 105 on the preceding day.

The inclement weather early Saturday morning when rain and snow brought a decided drop in temperature, will have no effect upon the lifting of the fiu ban, according to Mayor Paine. Dr. J. L. Andrews, of the city health department, was of the opinion that had the rain and snow continued the condition would have proven disastrous. However, the thermometer's rise during the forenoen and the appearance of the sun offset any unwelcome conditions that might have arisen.

Mayor Paine Saturday declared that only the unforescen could now prevent the lifting of the ban as per schedule announced Friday.

"I firmly believe that we now are past the peak of the epidemic and that the greatest danger is past," said the mayor. "There is but little doubt in my mind that the drastic steps taken prevented a more general infection of the disease and a larger number of deaths."

Reports to the health department were slow in coming in. Many new

destroying himself—a short carbine.

Big Deal Hinted.

Two telegrams, which may have refound in the dead mair's room. The first, from Charlottesville, Va., said: "Soft property. Received part payment. Remainder paid March 1. Will wire again." It was signed "Jameson." The second telegram, dated Jackson-ville, Fla., read: "On my way to Atlanta, Will be delayed day with autter Have wired Jameson, and yone. It told of the big dwared to give the reference of the part payment. Remainder paid March 1. Will wire again." It was signed "Jameson." The second telegram, dated Jackson-ville, Fla., read: "On my way to Atlanta, Will be delayed day with autter Have wired Jameson and Gilman wire me there." This telegram was unpied and torn, but bore the signal wire to the first throughly gave the said so the page of the page of

ous Celebration.

Peter's Catholic church Sundey evening, Feb 22 in celebration of Washington's birthday. At the same time the service flag, with 48 stars, will be demobilized with fitting ceremonies. The religious services will consist of the solemn vespers and the patriotic address, to be delivered by the Rev. James I. Pastorelli, the pastor, will be James L. Pastorelli, the pastor, will be upon "The Dogma of Patriotism, Heresy and International Communism. Recey and International Communism."

Various committees have been appointed by the pastor to assist in the arrangements as it is planned to make this celebration one of the grandest and most inspiring in the history of St. and most inspiring in the history of St. Peters—the oldest church in the city.

The militry branch of the govenment is to be represented by the army, may and marine corps, in special compliment to the pastor, who served through the war as a chaptain in the marine corps, incidentally he is the only Memphis pastor, who underwent the corps of a chaptain in the corps. he trying ordeals of a chaplain in the ate war. Representatives of every patriotic and

ions have also been sent request to have also been sent to the city

ENGLISH TO REVIVE ANCIENT PALESTINE

LONDON-Herbert Louis Samuel fermerly British postmasser-general, has left London for Palestine, whither he has been invited by Field Marshal Lord Allenby to advise on questions of administration and finance in the development of that country.

GOLFER DIES OF FLU.

RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 14.—George J. Bouse, who came home from New York three years ago to become a professional golfer for the Hermitage club, died at Grace hospital yesterday following an attack of pneumonia resulting from lefthers. lufluenza.

DELIVER ANSWER IN WAGE CRISIS

dent Wilson, But Nothing Is Made Public Officially as to Exact Situation.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.-The reply the railroad brotherhoods to Presient Wilson's decision in the wage con on officials sent telegrams to their loals over the country, which B. M. Jewil, president of the railway departof the American Federation of La-said would serve to "steady our until they receive the full corre-Stores Resume Normal Hours.

Last of Bans Disappears

Monday.

With only 22 new cases of influenzar reported to the city health department at noon Saturday, officials anticipated the most encouraging day since the waive first hit Memphis three weeks ago.

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WILL NOT PREVENT STRIKE NEXT TUESDAY

DETROIT, Feb. 14.-President Wil-DETROIT, Feb. 14.—President Wilson's proposal yesterday to representatives of the various railroad unions contained nothing that would warrant withdrawal of the strike order issued to members of the United Brotherhood of Mainenance of Ways Employes and Railway Shop laborers, Allen E. Barker, head of that organization, said this morning.

FROM MEMPHIS

Conservation Coal Cars Asked. Temporary Embargo Declared by M. P. on Stock and Perishables.

The movement of empty cars from Memphis territory has been stopped, and local shippers who were suffering most from the car shortage are now beginning to receive a few cars, but so far the delivery of-cars has not been enough to meet the entire needs of local industries. The situation is expected to improve, however, next week. Local railway officials received an appeal Saturday from Edward Chambers, director of traffic at Washington, for greater efforts for the conservation of coal cars. Prompt unloading and return to the mines was urged, as the production of the mines is said to be seriously intratened by the shortage of coal cars.

A temporary embargo of a very drastic nature was declared on the Missouri Pacific lines Saturday, permitting only live stock and perishables to be loaded from points on the line to Memphis, or through Memphis to points beyond. The embargo also covers shipments from Memphis to Kansas City, Omnia, and points beyond. Certain restrictions has also planned on shipments to St. Louis. The reasons for the Missouri Pacific embargo were not stated. So far as could be learned, no other local lines were affected by the embargo order. The movement of empty cars from

embargo order.

Grain Cars Needed.

To move the 4919 corn crop, 416,000 grain cars will be required, an increase in freight equipment of 60 per cent over what was required to move the 1918 crop, according to extimate of traffic officials of the federal railroad administration.

Unless the corn now held by the farmers can be delivered to the carriers for transportation to the corn receiving markets before March 1 it is feared that the farmers will be so occupied with their spring work that they will be unable to deliver the corn to their local shipping points which will result in a shortage that will be reflected in higner prices for corn products.

From Nov. 1, 1919, to Jan. 21, the receipts of corn at 11 of the largest corn markets was but 35,760 cars. Loading reports showed that 9.7 per cent of the total number of cars loaded in the grain belt were loaded with grain or grain products. In addition to the movement of corn, there is a large volume of seed grains that must be delivered before the planting season begins, railway administration officials

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that can be spared from other sections of the country is being rushed to the grain belt. In many instances solid trains of empty cars are being sent from far distant points. It is estimated that between 5,000 and 6,000 empty grain cars were taken out of Memphis territory, where the shortage was alcountry where the shortage was all the shortage was a endy so acute that at times merchan-lise freight could not be accepted be-

BOOTLEG MORPHINE, TEN ADDICTS SEIZED

g' morphine, and 19 persons, seven of em white, were seized in a raid on a orth Front street 'joint' at 10 o'clock cliday night, by Inspector Bec and De-ctives Taylor and Durham. The cap-les were found hidden under the floor-of the butter. STICKNEY WINS TITLE.

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., Feb. 14.
—Strart C. Stickney, St. Louis Country club, won the South Florida Golf championsibly resterday, defeating Hugh L. Willoughby, Jr., Merion, in the finals.

south to New Orleans and Texas east to West Virginia is involved in the suit which the department of justice opened in Memphis Saturday morning to secure an injunction against the American Hardwood Manufacturers' association to prevent the further dissemination of market and other bardwood lumber information among its members.

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Three handred and threy-three hardwood lumber manufacturing firms are narred as defendants along with F. R. Gadd, of Memphis, manager of the Statistical department of the association, which serves the "open competition" membership against which the suit is mainly directed. Among these defendants are all the large Memphis hardwood manufacturers such as George C. Brown & Co., May Bros. Anderson-tully Co., McLean Hardwood Lumber company, James E. Stark & Co., the Penred-Jurden company and Nickey Bros. Such great concerns south of Memphis as the Lamb-Fish company, Charleston, Miss., the Carrier Lumber Co., Sardis, Miss., and the Kratezer-Cured Lumber Co. Greenwood, Miss., are included in the bill of complaint.

News of the filing of the suit by W. D. Kyser, U. S. district attorney, in which it is charged that the association has been filed with the federal trade commission and the department of justice.

"There never was a greater error than that the open-competition plan of the American Hardwood Manufacturgra association could control the price. We await with confidence the outcome of this investigation," the Statement concludes.

Lads Set Free

Rather Than To

Test Court Act

A virtual admission that the juvenile court is operating under a law that is unconstitutional is reflected in the court of the association have for some time been aware that such an investigation would be instituted. hardwood lumber and eliminate competition, was received in the headquarters of the association here with equanimity. The officers of the association have for some time been aware that such an investigation would be instituted by the government under the Sherman act, and the actual filing of the suit was no surprise to them. The question of the forthcoming investigations was one of the topics of discussion at the annual meeting in this city in December ias: and it was then the in December last and it was then the consensus of epinion that so far from harming the association, the government's action would actually strengthen its position and confirm the entire legality of all its practices.

Allege Trade Restraint.

Attorney-tienera; raimer's complaint is against the monthly stock production and sales reports, market letters and periodical district meetings of the open periodical district meetings of the open competition membership of the association, and he asks that the court grant a preliminary injunction preventing the further issuance of such respons or holding of such meetings. It is necessary that the court shall promptly issue the preliminary injunction, the camplaint says, to rea rain the defendants 'until final hearing, from further carrying out by such means or otherwise, their unlawful combination and conspiracy, the further unlawful maintenance and enhancement of the present abnormally high prices by such means pending such final hearing, will constitute an irreparable injury in that such prices will be transmitted to and of restitution, and, especially in that numerous essential industries will be induced by such abnormal prices to largely curtail their purchases of such largely curtail their purchases of such lumber in interstate commerce, and thus to largely curtail their production of articles made from such lumber at this critical period when decrease of production is a menace and increase of production is vital to the economic welfare of the United States."

The government alleges that the defendants have been in unlawful combination to maintain and increase prices.

The government alleges that the defendants have been in unlawful combination to maintain and increase prices of hardwood lumber or their manufacture since January, 1919. "At the beginning of the year 1919 the defendant companies were still demanding for their said lumber approximately the same prices as had prevalled before the signing of the armistice in the war with Germany, and the aforesaid manufacturers and wholesale and retail dealers, makers of furniture, building material, etc., were buying such lumber from the defendants only in small quantities, for the purposes of immediate necessity," recites the complaint. "In the belief that the prices demanded were too high; and that they were intending to largely increase their purchases of such lumber from the defendants in interstate commerce as soon as the prices therefor should be reduced, by compelition amongst the defendants to more reasonable levels."

Then the complaint sets forth the charge that instead of permitting the expected normal regulation of the hardwood lumber market by the natural economic law of competition, the members of the association formed the alleged combination.

The hearing of the petition for the

Complaint is also made that Mr. Gadd's market letters from time to time contained arguments restraining and limiting the production of bardwood lumber by the members in order to avoid "overproduction."

R. M. Carrier, of Sardis, Miss., is president of the association, and James E. Stark, of Memphis, is the chairman of the executive committee. Several other officers and directors, in addition to these named, reside in Memphis. Among these is J. M. Pritchard, secretary manager.

ary manager.
The association has a membership of early 450 members who represent the allority of the output of hardwood unber in the United States. The 323 government's suit under the Sher act, are only those who subscribe

act, are only those who subscribe to the "open competition ulan."

This plan means the free exchange of information of cut of mill and sales. The members agree to report their sales to the association, together with amount of stock on hand each month and other data from which report, may be filed showing the condition of the industry.

The statement that the association welcomes "the government's most

welcomes the government's most searching investigation and that good will come of it." was made by Mr Gad, when apprised of the filing of the suit.
The statement was dictated and is-

A virtual admission that the juve-nile court is operating under a law that is unconstitutional is reflected in the

with the city paying the costs of the case.

This action was taken it was explained because the city does not desire a test of the constitutionality of the juvenile court law. That the law under which the court is operating is unconstitutional is the opinion of many Memphis attorneys and on every occasion when the issue has been raised the city has avoided a test of the matter. ter. The two Edmondson boys were sen-

tenced by the juvenile court to a term in the County Industrial school nearly

Of Consideration For Garry's Position

CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—Pederal Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis, upon his consideration as a possible successor of August Herrmann as chairman of the national baseball commission. John Heydler, president of the National league, announced here today. The jurist said he had not been a candidate and that no one connected with baseball had talked to him about accepting the place, Mr. Heydler said.

Names of four men still are under consideration by the National league head and B. Ban Johnson, president of the American league, for appointment as baseball's chief magistrate.

POLICEMEN ACCEPT **BLANKET INSURANCE**

The entire police department Saturday morning reported to John B. Edgar, police and fire commissioner, that they were unanimous in voting to accept the blanket insurance policy, which will be taken out for the department, and which will give to each man \$1,000 insurance on his life. The city is to pay one-half the premium and the men one-half. The cost will be 50 cents per month per man.

The vote was taken at roll call for the day relief Saturday morning. At the same time the entire detective department voted for the policy. The night relief ratified the plan Friday

night relief ratified the plan Friday Provisions have been made so that the Provisions have been made so that the policy may be converted, in case a man resigns from the department.

In case a man is totally disabled in performance of his duty, the face value of the policy will be due, but there are no sick benefits attached.

U. S. BOARD TAKES TITLE TO HOG ISLAND YARD

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.-An agree ment with the American International Shipbuilding company was reached to-day by the United States shipping board by which the board takes title to the land of the Hog Island shippard at Philodelphia.

ke Siski, aged man, was painfully not seriously injured shortly after a Saturday when he was struck by street car at Main street and Madi-avenue. He was taken to the Gen-

AGED MAN HIT.

GEGRAVE EIGHT Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 14, 1920. Hour. Dry Both, Wet Buth, Hamid

Noon today ... 1 29 77 Maximum temperature 57; minimum, 33. Sun sets today at 5:42 p.m. Rises tomorrow at 6:46 a.m. Moon rises at a.m. tonight. Precipitation, Tennessee-Fair, colder in northwest

Mississippi-Fair, colder in south and Arkansos-Fair, colder in east and south, temperature below freezing; warmer in west. Alabama—Fair preceded by rain is extreme south, colder. Louisiana-Generally fair, colder freezing in interior, probable frost to

oast. Oklahoma-Fair, continued cold ex ept slightly warmer in northwest East Texas-Fair, colder in east and south, freezing in north and west probable frost in southeast except low-er Ric Grande valley. West Texas-Generally fair, warmer in north and east, North and South Carolina-Generally

Georgia-Fair except probable light Florida-Fair, colder in north with viding

GETS FOUR YEARS

Is Sentenced at Senatobia on Conviction of Stealing Chief Made Confession.

SENATOBIA, Miss., Feb. 14 — Beverlicegall, of Memphis, who was convicted to the Circuit court of this country being implicated in the stealing of hief Joe Burney's automobile. Will for being implicated in the stealing of the Chief Joe Burney's automobile, was today given four years in the state penitentiary by Judge E. D. Dinkins.

The car was brought here from Memphis and delivered to local parties Stegall went before the grand jury just before court adjourned and it is said he made a clean breast of the whole plan of stealing autos in Memphis and running them into Mississippi for disposition. It is said that he told that he had a contract with a Senatobia party to deliver eight cars a month, and he usually carried out his contract. Stegall will appeal his case to the Supreme court on the question of jurisdiction. It being a mooted question as to whether the courts of Mississippi have a right to punish for the crime of stealing property in Tennessee and disposing of it in Mississippi. efore court adjourned and it is said

OPENING HOSPITAL IS SET FOR SEPT. 1

Methodists Will Raise \$600. 000 More to Complete It.

Sept. 1, 1920, is the date set by the board of trustees of the Methodist hospital now under construction for the completion of the splendid new edifice located at 1925 Lamar avenue.

Announcement is made that all the contracts have been awarded and work is rapidly going forward. The total cost of the building and the 10 acres of ground upon which it is situated will be \$550,000, according to the latest estimate by the trustees. Of this amount \$50,000 in property values has been acquired during the several years the enterprise has been on foot. A drive will start soon to raise the needed \$600,000.

The new edifice will have 150 beds and the Lucy Brinkley annex 50 beds. This capacity is believed none too large for the wide clientele the hospital will be certain to aitract from the surrounding territory.

The raising of the fund will be apportioned among the four annual conferences as follows: Memphis, \$300,000.
North Mississippi, \$150,000: North Arstenans \$100,000. Sept. 1, 1920, is the date set by the

North Mississippi, \$150,000; North Ar-kansas, \$100,000, and the Mississippi, \$50,000. Bishops and presiding elders will soon outline a campaign for the raising of additional funds for the completion of

JOE HEARD SNOW BIRDS, NOT FROGS

Sergt, T. Joe Cole is in disrepute at central police headquarters. The snow Saturday morning is the cause. Sergt, Cole posed as a weather proph-et one day earlier in the week. With dramatic flourish of his hand, he indramatic flourish of his hand, he insisted that the backbone of winter was broken and that spring was here. He based his prediction, he said, on the crooking of frogs he heard in East End park, while he waited for a Tutwiler. This sign, he insisted was infalible. Joe Fitzgerald, desk sergeant, insisted that the croaking Cole heard was the springs on a street car skipping a stop.

A majority of the cops agreed with Sergt. Fitzgerald Saturday. So Cole, like many a prophet, is not without honor, save in his own bailiwick,

Says Bray Brutal; Wife Asks Divorce

Charging that her husband, Henry Bray, cashier for Equitable Life Insur-ance society, deserted her on Jan. 20, 1920, and has not since returned to her or contributed to her support. Mrs. Goldie Bell Bray Saturday filed suit in the circuit court for divorce and ali-mony. netition charges that on one The betition charges that on one occasion Bray slapped her and has repeatedly accused her of being untrue to him and that their relations continued thus until Jan. 20, when Bray is said to have descrited his wife. The petition asks dissplution of the bonds of matrimony

PERSHING TO SPEAK IN HOT SPRINGS TONIGHT

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Feb. 14.-After a hike over the mountains vesterday as hike over the mountains vesterday at Uncle Sam's big institution, the army and navy hospital and will not be called upon until 4 o clock this afternoor to participate in anything of a public nature. At that hour the program are ranged in connection with his visit will be observed. He will speak in the Au-ditorium theater at 7 o'clock tonigh and will leave at 8 o'clock for Memphis

CLEAR AND COLD SUNDAY WEATHER

weather prevailed.

The snow that greeted Memphiaus Saturday morning had practically all disampeared before noon. A brisk north wind, blowing about 20 or 25 miles an hour, made overcoats comfortable. eather prevailed

WOMAN WINS \$100,000 VERDICT FROM OIL MAN TULSA Okla. Feb. 14.-Edith M.

TULSA, Obla., Feb. 14—Ealth M. Fulwider was awarded a verdict of \$100,000 by a jury in the district court here last night in her suit for breach of promise against Harry W. Ketchum, wealthy oil man and hotel owner. This is the largest personal damage amount ever granted in Tulsa county.

FAVOR MEAT BILL.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1t.—Favorable report was ordered unanimously today by the senate agriculture committee of the revised Kenyon-Kendrick bill profederal regulation of meat industry.

INTERIOR CHIEF ASSUMES BLAME WITH SECRETARY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 .- Secretary of the Interior Lane. who retires March 1, today assumed joint responsibility with Secretary of State Lansing for the calling of special meetings of Burney's Car--Said to Have the cabinet while President Wilson lay ill at the White House. It was because of a rebuke given Secretary Lansing by Mr. Wilson for these cabinet meetings that Mr. Lansing's resignation was tendered late yesterday and was accepted by the president.

Mr. Lane declared today that he considered himself "just as responsible" as Secretary Lansing for the calling of cabinet meetings during the president's illness. He said Mr. Lansing called him on the telephone and obtained his approval of the idea before calling the first meeting, and "presumably secured the approval of other cabinet members also.'

When the general arrives at the Howhen the general arrives at the Ro-tel Chisca Sunday to attend the lunch-con which the Chamber of Commerce will give in his honor at I o'clock, the Layne & Bowler band will be sta-tioned in the lobby and will play the national airs and such stirring world war songs as "Over There."

Gen. Perships and his party of nine

war songs as "Over There."

Gen. Pershing and his party of nine staff officers, many field clerks and orderlies will arrive in two special Pullman cars over the Rock Island railroad from Hot Springs, Ark., at 6 o'clock Sunday morning. But the commander will not be disturbed until time to go to the luncheon at the Chisca.

Gov. Roberts will be among those who will dine at the Chisca with the general. Mayor Paine will also be of this party

CITY COMMISSION **MEETS INFORMALLY**

to meet informally Saturday afternoon in the office of Mayor Paine for a general discussion of matters pertaining to the operation of the various city de-

partments.

The call for the meeting was issued Friday afternoon. Mayor Paine stated Saturday morning that nothing of interest was coming up at the meeting but it was simply one of the frequent conferences which he calls from time

Walter Brown and three children, deago, reported missing since they

LAUNCH PASSED DOWN.

A what flage receipt shows that the bon left here on the morning of Dec. 19 Frank Young, assastant what master said Brown told him he was en route t Tampa and Key West, Pin. The vesse was named the Adventuress.

Suffragists To Celebrate Victory CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—Victory in woman's battle for an equal voice in government—fought for 31 years, will be proclaimed tonight by 1,40s

comen suffragists and with their reclamation the National American Voman Suffarge association will, to it intents and purposes, pass into history.

Rising up from its ashes will be the Lengue of Women Voters, which tomorrow takes up the task of teaching women how to use the voic the suffrage association has virtuteaching women how to use the vote the suffrage association has virtually won.

Victory is to be celebrated toulght, although five states must ratify the nineteenth constitutional amendment before it will become law. The auffragets are confident that the necessary ratifications will be forthcoming within a few days.

Political education of women voters in a manner aparl from partisan politics today was the accepted and increasingly difficult first duty for 12% which the National American Woman Suffrage association, holding its fifty-tirst and final convention here, will perform through the independent, nonpartisan organization selected to supersed it—the National League of Women Voters. Whether the league of women voters would subscribe to the program proposed by the executive council of the suffrage association, and approved by the more than 2,900 delegites attending the convention, was the subject for discussion at a meeting of the league late today. The program would hasten the association's "gradual move toward dissolution" so that its absorption by the league would occur in time for the women to take full part in the 1329 presidential campaign and election.

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members also."

O "We all thought the meetings were a good thing," said Mr. Lane. "They were often attended by Dr. Grayson, and messages were transmitted to the president on questions discussed. The critical situation precipitated by the coal strike came up for consideration as well as matters pertaining to the first industrial conference, and other important questions. I feet that I altended the meetings on a full level of responsibility with Secretary Lansing, inasmuch as I had agreed to the advisability of their being held. Other members of the cabinet apparently took the same position."

Asked whether the question of the constitutionality of the meetings ever

Will Address Negro Veterans at Community Center After Legion Banquet at Scottish Rite Cathedral.

Interest in the visit of Gen. John J. Pershing to Memphis on Sunday has been intensified by the announcement that Brig.-Gen. L. D. Tyson. of Knox-ville, commander of the Fifty-ninth brigade of the Thirtieth division over-

Chairman Porter, of the house foreign affairs committee, today said:
"I am not incfined to accept this
new and novel interpretation of organic law. There is nothing in the
constitution which prohibits members
of the president's cabinet from meeting and discussing any departmental
matter if we accept the president's
construction of the consitution, it
would be a violation thereof for two of
the secretaries to hold a conference in
the absence of the president.

"Mr. Lansing has taithfully served
Mr. Wilson during both his terms as
president, and in due consideration for
his rights, I think the presid at / sould
have asked for his resignat.

policies to be pursued by the partiment and not to have assed him in this harsh way."

Mr. Lansing, by his resignation, becomes the second secretary of state to leave President Wilson's cabinet because of differences of opinion with the chief executive of the nation. Although the letters between Mr. Lansing and the president made the calling of the cabinet meetings the incident which led to the secretary's resignation directly, persons "on the inside" of the administration say this was only an incident and that the real reasons for the break go back over a period of months and come from fundamental differences of opinion on policy.

The disagreements even antedate the entry of the United States into the war. The relations between the two men almost reached the breaking point early in 1317, when Mr. Lansing issued

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WHISPER HIGH ON ARKANSAS MUD BAR

The steamboat Whisper is aground in old river opposite Shawnee Landing. Ark, about 30 miles up the Mississippi from Memphis. She went aground at 4:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon and receding water left her high and dry, deep waters being several hundred feet from her now. The boat is tiping on an even keel and is in practically no daheer of breaking up. A cargo of 200 bales of cotton and 125 sacks of seed, consigned to Memphis companies, will be taken off by insurance companies. No efforts to float the steamer will be made at present, it is said. Capt. Wolfe, owner and nilot, stayed aboard, the remainder of the crew coming to the city.

Two Reservations Upon Article Ten Up To Republicans

WASHINGTON. Feb. 14.—Republican senators had before them today two modified drafts of the article tan reservation of the peace treaty with a request from Senator Hitchcock, acting Democratic leader, to accept either one. He promised that about 40 Democrats would support either.

Both of the reservations previously have been rejected by the Republican lenders. One was that drafted by former President Taft and rejected by Senator Lodge, Republican leader, in the bipartisan conference, when it was offered by the Democrats. The other was drawn up in the bipartisan conference, but was not accepted.

Although the Republicans withheld a formal reply, pending consideration of the Democrats' offer, small hope was held out that either reservation would be acceptable to the majority party now. A declaration of the Republicana' stand on the Democrats' proposition was expected today.

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A meeting of the Republican county executive committee of that wing of the CO, P., known as the Farley con-tingent, was in progress Saturday atttoon beginning at 2 o'clock t was stated by John W. Farley, or to the meeting that March 6 would the date set for the county con-

M. H. A. VICTORIOUS.

BLUE MOUNTAIN, Miss. Feb. 14 (Spl.)—The M. H. A busketball tear of this place has just added another victory to its already long list for this season by defeating Ashland high school on the Ashland ground the score being 26 to 25 in favor of the Blue Mountain boys.